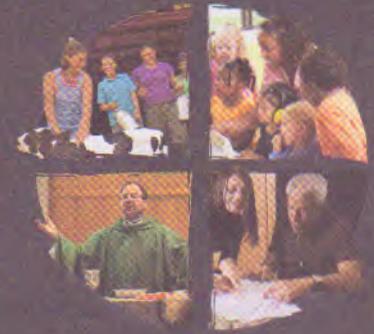


Catholic Campaign for Human Development

# Fight Poverty in America. Defend Human Dignity.



In 2009, 43.6 million Americans lived at or below the poverty line, the highest number in the 51 years for which data is available. With many families living one paycheck away from financial instability, there is little hope that more Americans won't face poverty in the years to come.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) funds programs in communities across the United States where people living in poverty join together to identify problems, make decisions, and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods.

Please visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) to read more details about CCHD's efforts to bring good news to the poor by helping to break the cycle of poverty.

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## Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon

One in four Portland renters spend more than half their income on rent. Over 11,000 youth are homeless. Minimum-wage workers must work 72 hours per week to afford a two-bedroom apartment. Oregon also suffers from a devastating shortage of affordable housing. In 1996 low-income renters organized to form the **Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT)** to work for safe and affordable housing. CAT is Oregon's only statewide, grassroots, tenant-controlled tenant rights organization. With CCHD's support, CAT organizes tenants to collectively negotiate with landlords, policy makers, and government officials to improve the quality of affordable housing and change rental-housing standards. CAT wants apartments that are clean and safe and increase the availability of low-income housing.

Low-income communities rely on safe, dependable bus service to get to work or the grocery store, and these communities bear the burden of cuts to bus service. With CCHD support, **Organizing People, Activating Leaders (OPAL)**, an Environmental Justice program, organizes East Portland, a low-income community, to win fair, friendly, frequent, and affordable public transportation. Cuts have led to a decrease in service of over 170,000 hours, resulting in overcrowding, lengthy wait times, and higher fares. Rising transit costs and declining incomes burden low-income folks; average transportation costs in the Portland metropolitan area exceed 30% of annual household expenses. That's money unavailable for groceries, doctor checkups, or a community college class.

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# The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

carries out Jesus' mission "to bring good news to the poor . . . release to captives . . . sight to the blind and let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

## Origins

CCHD was founded as a domestic anti-poverty program in 1970 by the Catholic bishops of the United States. They realized that outreach through existing charitable services was not creating the changes needed to keep people out of poverty. The bishops saw a need to address the policies and systems that perpetuate poverty as a complement to their direct service programs.

## Impact

CCHD funds community and economic development programs across the United States that help poor and marginalized people join together to make decisions, seek solutions to local problems, and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods in alignment with Catholic social teaching. Economic development initiatives help develop new businesses, create new jobs, and develop family- and community-owned assets. CCHD also provides educational opportunities for Catholics to learn about poverty, interact with those affected by it, and reflect on our faith response to it.

## Involvement

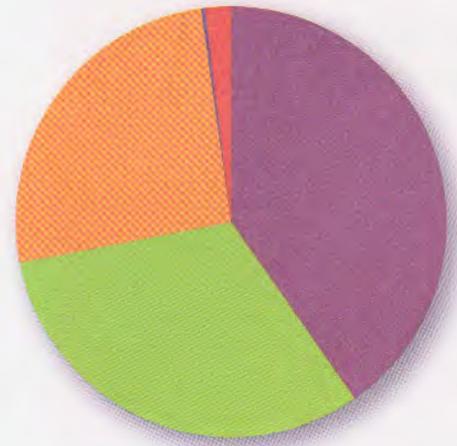
You can make a difference:

1. **Donate.** Your generous support of CCHD in the parish Collection and throughout the year is vital to CCHD's anti-poverty mission and creates real change.
2. **Learn.** Take advantage of the awareness programs that CCHD offers to learn more about poverty, those affected by it, and our responsibilities as members of the Church. Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).
3. **Pray** for those who receive CCHD support and for all caught in the cycle of poverty.

"When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice." St. Gregory the Great, *Regula Pastoralis*, 3, 21: PL 77, 87

## 2010-2011 Grants

Total: \$7,973,000



- Community Development/Housing: \$3,215,000
- Family & Community Issues: \$2,538,000
- Economic Development: \$2,045,000
- Technical Assistance: \$30,000
- Emergency Funding: \$145,000

CCHD is committed to accountability and transparency. We allocate funds to community projects that promote the mission and vision of CCHD and the Catholic Church while adhering to the Church's moral and social teachings. Please visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) to view funding criteria and see a detailed list of our most recent grants. CCHD's primary source of support is an annual Collection held in parishes across the United States. The Collection is split, and 25% of the proceeds support anti-poverty projects in the (arch)diocese where the funds are collected.



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